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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Haruhiko KINOSHITA  
Title: CORPORATE RATING SYSTEM AND CORPORATE RATING METHOD  
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**REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005, Applicant hereby elect Species II, Figure 6, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1 to 9, 13, 15 and 16 are readable on the elected species.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141 and M.P.E.P. §821.04 (rejoinder).

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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